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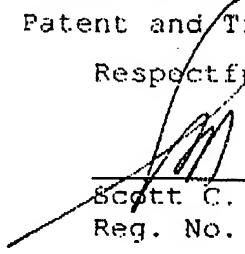
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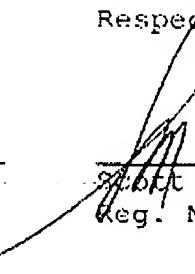
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE RESPONSE

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Response mailed March 16, 2006 (copy attached), and further to our Response previously filed on March 9, 2006, applicant elects Species I drawn to the embodiment of Figure 3. The election is made without traverse.

No fee is believed to be due, however please apply any applicable charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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The paper filed on 03/09/06 electing Group I (claims 1-15) directed to separators for fuel cells is non-responsive. In this respect, it is noted that applicant did not make an election of species. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are drawn to the elected invention but the election of species presenting only claims readable on and/or drawn to any of the mutually exclusive species indicated in the Restriction/Election requirement dated 02/13/06 has not been made. That is to say, applicants failed to address the election of species requirement. It is also noted that claims 1-15 are not readable on a single species per se, thus, claims 1-15 appears to read on several distinct species.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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